

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Claims 6-7, 11-12, 14-20, and 23 are currently pending in the application. No claims have been amended. Claims 24-26 have been added. Claims 6-7, 11-12, 14-20, and 23 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 24-26 are present for examination. Claims 24, 25, and 26 are independent claims.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection, Debique in view of Bezos

Claims 6-7, 11-12, 14-20, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,191,190 B2 to Debique (“**Debique**”) in view of U.S. Patent No 7,082,407 B1 to Bezos et al. (“**Bezoz**”).

Claims 6-7, 11-12, 14-20, and 23 have been canceled, thus obviating this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

Claims 24-26 have been added. Applicants submit that claims 24-26 are allowable over Debique in view of Bezos for at least the following reasons.

Claim 24, and similarly claims 25 and 26 recite that “the content recorded on the recording medium includes ... data for use in downloading the related content” and “the system control module is ... configured to instruct the network control module to connect with the server using the URL information and the content reproduced by the recording medium control module, to send the content identification information reproduced by the recording medium control module to the server, and to download the related content from the server using the data to execute a command to connect the device to the server, if the user indicates to the device to download the related content.”

The recording medium in claims 24-26 not only includes “identification information” and “URL information” but also includes “data” which is “for use in downloading the related content.” This “data” improves the usability of the device (or method), *especially* when connecting to the server. When this “data” is reproduced by the device, the device

automatically requests the user regarding downloading content, and the “data” executes a command to connect the device to the server to download the content, if the user indicates to the device to download the content. Therefore, by using the recording medium of our invention which includes the “data for use in downloading the related content”, the users will be automatically asked from the device regarding the downloading, and this “data” facilitates in establishing the connection between the device and the server. Hence, this “data” improves the usability of the device, especially in the situation of connecting to the server.

In contrast, Debique reproduces a metadata from a disc and, after reproducing the metadata, Debique checks whether or not the reproduced metadata matches with metadata in a database of a device. Thus, Debique only checks the correspondence between the reproduced metadata and a metadata in a database, and fails to disclose “data” which facilitates the user in connecting to the server. Furthermore, Bezos is related to a graphical user interface (GUI), which has nothing to do with the claimed invention of claims 24-26.

Thus, for at least these reasons, Applicants submit that claims 24-26 are allowable over Debique and Bezos, either individually, or when combined in any combination.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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